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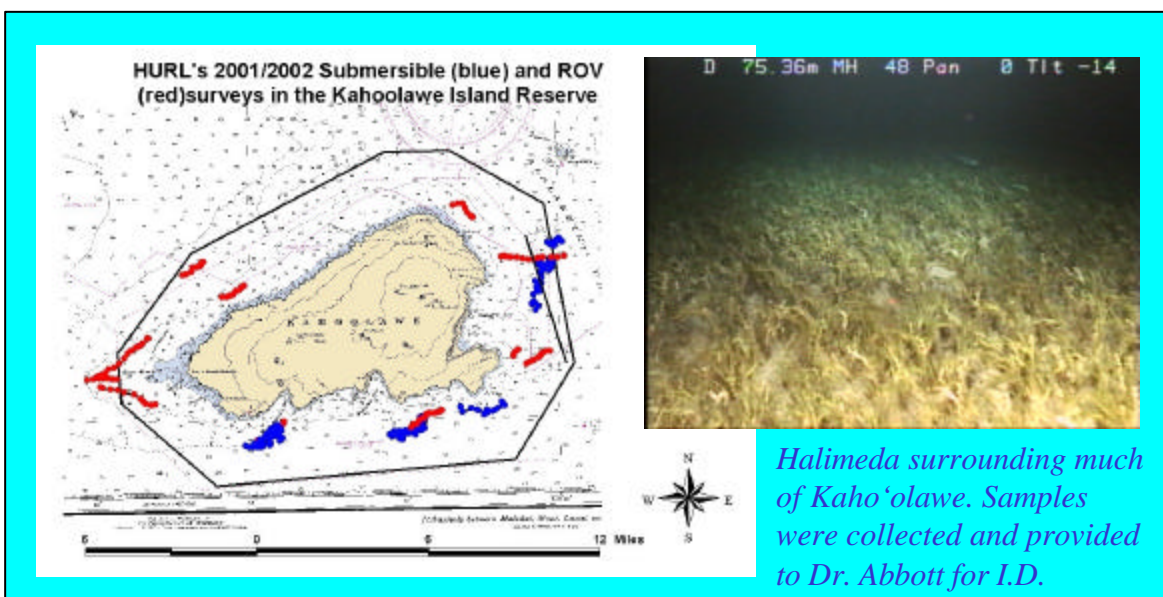
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- Bottomfish Surveys: From aboard UH's R/V Kaimikai-o-Kanaloa six submersible dives were completed to access bottomfish stocks and habitats off the south coast of Kaho'olawe. Stocks appeared healthy and size classes varied and abundant. A preliminary report will be provided in October and a final report middle of next year



Bottomfish bait station/survey off the southern coast, Kaho'olawe. Sept. '02

- Mapping: Multibeam sonar mapping of the Reserve was completed and those detailed images will be included in the final report. Habitat mapping using ROV's was also extensive and found expansive Halimeda beds off the north and west coasts.



- Monitoring and Community Outreach: University of Hawaii's Marine Option Program faculty and staff visited the Reserve aboard Trilogy and were escorted by Hākilo and KIRC staff in preparation for planning a MOP baseline survey in summer 2003. Honu surveys and data analysis was initiated. The monk seal monitoring poster is now displayed at the Maui Airport and we are getting positive feedback from the community.